

The senate has passed the Edmunds bill placing General Grant on the retired list with full pay.

There are no signs that the next administration will come to grief for the lack of persons who want to help to run it.

The Milwaukee Sentinel published the governor's message in full eight hours before its delivery to the legislature. This case of being "too previous" will make the governor think a great deal more than he will utter in words.

General Durbin Ward, of Ohio, got off two sentences the other day which are quite enough to stun the democracy, and even to make old Jackson kick himself out of the grave. "Jackson, when he saw the devil of plutocracy mocking the rights of the people, buried the future of his veto at the vitals of monopoly, and it stood revealed as an ugly hairy, cowering from that day to this under the eagle eye of democracy. He ran the plough-share of reform into the sterile, fallow ground of lazy sinners, and fertilized the fields of office by new sunlight and air."

The more the St. John scandal is investigated, the more it looks for the prohibition candidate for the presidency. Mr. Clarkson has produced such testimony to prove that John P. St. John, wanted the republican national campaign committee to buy him off, that the public will be very apt to judge him guilty, unless he can show that the letters being his signature are forgeries, and it is a question whether he can do this. For the sake of political morality and the temperance cause, it was hoped that Mr. St. John will prove that the serious charges brought against him so publicly, can not stand the test of an investigation. Mr. St. John must hasten to clear up some points that seem very much against him.

What a comfortable reflection it is to the starving thousands of operatives turned out of the closed mills, factories, and foundries, that they are not under a protective system, which binds all the energies of statehood to secure working men steady work and high wages—Madison Democrat.

What comfort is there in the reflection that under democratic free trade, which caused this country many years, the condition of workmen, tradesmen, manufacturers, farmers and merchants, was much worse and far more hopeless than under protection? The Democrat knows as well as every intelligent person knows, that the present stagnation in business is not the result of the protective policy. The trouble with the Democrat is it doesn't want to be far in discussing the question of protection.

Of all the cabinets that have been named for Mr. Cleveland, the following from a democratic paper, seems to have the most tender touch of human nature in it. Here are the honored names:

State: Horatio Seymour.  
Treasurer: Samuel J. Tilden.  
War: George B. McClellan.  
Navy: B. Gratz Brown.  
Land: George H. Pendleton.  
Interior: Winfield Scott Hancock.  
Post Office: William H. English.

One fact to commend this cabinet will strike the mind at once. It will be seen that every name in the list is a defeated democratic candidate for either the presidency or the vice presidency. These men were led to the sacrifice by the party, defeated, then kicked into the gloomy shades of private life. Suppose these have a little political sunlight, and each one of them put in the cabinet? What a touching communion that would make!

Thomas Welch, one of the most important witnesses in the famous trial of Albert Vandear for the alleged murder and robbery of Banker Mead, which occurred at Waukegan, October 7, 1883, is reported to have confessed that he himself was the murderer of Mead, and that Vandear assisted in the robbery, but not in the murder. A week ago, Welch was fatally stabbed in a saloon row at Antigo, and this is his dying confession. On the trial of Vandear, he had testified that he did not accompany the prisoner upon the expedition to rob Mead's bank, and that Vandear was alone in the act. It will be remembered that the jury disagreed, eight standing for conviction and four for acquittal. As no new evidence could be secured against Vandear, it was deemed a waste of time to try him again, and so the case against him was virtually dropped. Although Welch is in a dying condition, and there seems to be something to the story, it is denied by his friends that he has made a confession.

## THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

The republicans are largely in the majority in the legislature, and will be held responsible for the work of the session. When Speaker Fairchild thanked the caucus for the honor conferred upon him, he made use of these words: "I do not know that there is necessity for a long session; but long or short, the republicans will be responsible for the result." Of course, there is no reason that there should be a long session, and if the republicans will put their heads together and wisely determine to make the session a reasonably short one, and at the same time to do the business thoroughly well, they will receive the thanks of all the people.

The republicans will be held responsible for the results of the session whatever they may be, and for this reason should seek to make it a business session. In a thorough manner all the work before it and then go home taking with them the good will of everybody except the people of Madison.

Something old—Allen's Bilious Phosgene, quickly, relieves promptly, and never fails to cure Sick Headache and Constipation. 25 cents, large bottles. At all druggists.

## THE SOUTH BEND TROUBLES.

The striking and rioting at South Bend are the results of a very short-sighted and premature policy on the part of the managers of the Oliver works. Any man has a right to employ whom he sees fit, but if he is guilty of bad judgment in the matter, the consequences must be chargeable to him.

When an organization like that of the Oliver chills the policy company undertakes to employ one thousand men, the cheapest labor should not be the first consideration. The more intelligent men are the more apt they are to learn, the better they can do their work, and the more work they can do in a given number of hours. But the Oliver thought different. They would not employ Americans, or even foreigners, who had been schooled to the ways and customs of the country. They wanted cheap labor of the Chinese order, so that the profits would be all the greater. With this idea of business prevailing in the company, they discarded home workmen and imported a lot of Poles, who can make money on wages that would hardly keep the better class of workmen from dire poverty.

Of course, this class of workmen are not intelligent. In times of trouble they are difficult to manage; and when depression of business came the Oliver's learned that several hundreds of their hands must be discharged, and the Poles were ordered to quit work. A certain number of hundreds of skill and intelligence—were retained which raised the ire of the Poles, and the riot came as a natural consequence. This condition of things is deplorable, and will be deeply regretted, but for its existence there is no one more responsible than the company against which the mob has made the attack.

Ignorant and cheap labor is not the best, and it is not always the cheapest. It may increase the dividends for a year or so, but in the end there will be found no profit in it.

## THE REMAINS AT HOME.

The remains of the late Senator Colfax arrived at his home at South Bend, Indiana, at two o'clock Wednesday night, where they were met by an immense concourse of his fellow citizens who had known him for many years, and deeply honored him for his brains and conscientiousness and his excellent moral and religious convictions.

He left home on Monday morning in his usual good health, to fill a few lecture appointments, and when the latest news of his death was taken to his wife, she fell prostrate with grief. In less than two hours after the death of the distinguished statesman, telegrams of consolation began to pour in upon her from every part of the Union.

Mr. Colfax was twice married, but leaves no children. His estate is valued at \$150,000, nearly all of which he has accumulated since he retired from public life. Like a few other members of congress who never used his official position to aid him in speculations, he was kept comparatively poor while in public life, but after his retirement his lectures brought him many thousands a year, and from this source he soon gained a competency. A few days before his death Mr. Colfax bought \$30,000 of the stock of the Indianapolis National bank, and an hour before the telegram was received announcing his death, was elected a director.

"One year and a half ago I had a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. My doctor gave me no relief—no medicine did me any good until I heard of Atchafalpa, one bottle of which cured me."—Alamanda Shields, 8 Cannon St., New York.

**The Wilberforce Troupe.**  
President J. L. Pickard, one of the foremost educators in the west, and formerly of this state, gives the Wilberforce concert company the following high recommendation:

Iowa City, Iowa, Nov. 9, '82.  
Frank A. Stewart, Manager Wilberforce Grand Concert Co.  
Dear Sir—I am happy to express my great pleasure in listening to your excellent company in your recent entertainment at Iowa City. You will always find a welcome in the music-loving people of our city; first, because of the high order of your work, and prominently because of the noble object you have before you. Every number on your programme of music and of readings was heartily enjoyed. May God prosper you in your work and give it speedy fulfillment.  
J. L. PICKARD,  
President Iowa State University.

This company will sing at Court Street church Wednesday evening, Jan. 21.  
**Cord of Thanks.**  
We desire to express our sincere thanks to all those who rendered us such valuable assistance during the sickness and death of our dear husband and father. Especially do we thank Mr. Britton, and the Masonic fraternity for their services and attendance, the many friends who met us on our arrival, the singers who furnished the music and all who in any way tried to lighten the heavy burden we were called upon to bear. In the midst of our sorrow and from the depths of our hearts again we thank you and assure you your kind acts will never be forgotten.  
ELIZABETH HARRISON,  
MAUD HARRISON,  
SAR. H. BROTHMAN.

## FOUR ON A STRING.

A BREWER WHO BREWED A DIFFICULTY FOR HIMSELF.

With a Pouchant for Many Sweethearts a Massachusetts Man Keeps Four in Good Humor Until He Striketh a Branch-of-Promise Case.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., Jan. 15.—The \$10,000 branch-of-promise suit of Miss Grace Whiting, of Brooklyn, N. Y., against F. H. Brewer, a wealthy merchant here, has created a social sensation. Miss Whiting is a handsome brunette of 20, and belongs to one of the best and most respectable families. Brewer is 19 years old. He has the reputation of making engagements with four ladies, and of breaking all of them except the last; hence the popular feeling runs against him. It is said that fifteen years ago he was engaged to marry a widow, and that before the contract had been broken he had promised to marry Miss Whiting, a maiden now living in Brooklyn, N. Y., another maiden whose position is now a town on the edge of the city. Brewer, however, may be called the last, and who now seems to have the strongest hold upon him.

Each lady knew of the others' engagement to Brewer, and each was in hopes of eventually making out her right. He had a talent for creating appearances, and so dutifully implanted hope in the heart of each that he kept them all upon his string at once. If the lady on the Harlem road complained of neglect he was engaged to marry a widow, and that before the contract had been broken he had promised to marry Miss Whiting, a maiden now living in Brooklyn, N. Y., another maiden whose position is now a town on the edge of the city. Brewer, however, may be called the last, and who now seems to have the strongest hold upon him.

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For the benefit of those who wish to make New Years presents and all others who wish to purchase for themselves, M. C. Smith will open up his entire stock of ladies' garments on Saturday morning, Dec. 27th, at net cost. No such stock of garments can be shown by any other house in Janesville, at any price. The goods will be sold right from the cost mark. No deviation from the first price asked.

## WINE'S SOOTHING SYRUP.

Are you disturbed at night and broken of sleep by a sick child suffering and crying with the pain of cutting teeth? As soon as you use WINE'S SOOTHING SYRUP, the child will be quiet and sleep peacefully. It is a most reliable and safe remedy for all the troubles of infancy. It is a most reliable and safe remedy for all the troubles of infancy. It is a most reliable and safe remedy for all the troubles of infancy.

## CHICAGO MARKETS.

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